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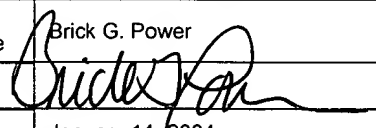
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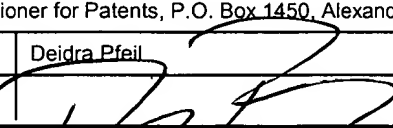
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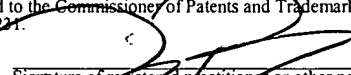
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**Amendments to the claims** are set forth in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** start at page 4 of this paper.